

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
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Regulation File: RH05047901

**FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
Health Care Language Assistance Program Regulations**

UPDATE OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

MATERIAL RELIED UPON

The materials relied upon are stated in the Initial Statement of Reasons and incorporated by reference herein.

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

The determination as to whether adoption of these regulations imposes a mandate on local agencies or school districts is stated in the Notice of Proposed Action/Initial Statement of Reasons and incorporated by reference herein.

REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

The Commissioner has determined that no reasonable alternative exists that would be as effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulations are proposed: implementing sections 10133.8 and 10133.9 of the Insurance Code.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Commissioner has not identified any economic impact on small business from these regulations since the regulations apply solely to health insurers, who by definition are not small businesses.

SUMMARY AND RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

On August 11, 2006, the Commissioner made available for public comment the text of the proposed regulations. Comments from twenty organizations were received from the public during the 45-day comment period. On October 25, 2006, the Commissioner made available for public comment certain changes to the regulation text as initially proposed. The changes were sufficiently related to the rulemaking as originally noticed such that a reasonable member of the directly affected public could have determined from the original notice that these changes could have resulted. Comments from eleven organizations were received from the public during the 15-day comment period.

The Summary and Response to Public Comments #1 and #2 are found in Attachment #1 – Accordion File submitted with these regulations. The complete comments from the first and second public comment periods are contained in Attachment #2 – Binder submitted with these regulations. All material relied upon are contained in Attachment #3 – Accordion File submitted with these regulations.